

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Gaetano LO PRESTI et al.) Group Art Unit: 1791
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Application No.: 10/577,303) Examiner: BELL, William P.
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Filed: March 1, 2007) Confirmation No.: 5406
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For: EXPANDABLE BLADDER FOR TYRE-)
CURING APPARATUSES, A)
MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF,)
AND A PROCESS FOR MANUFACTURING)
TYRES FOR VEHICLE WHEELS)
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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In a restriction requirement dated October 9, 2009, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between Group I (claims 36-43, 69 and 70) and Group II (claims 48-68). Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group I, claims 36-43, 69 and 70 drawn to an expandable bladder for tire vulcanizing.

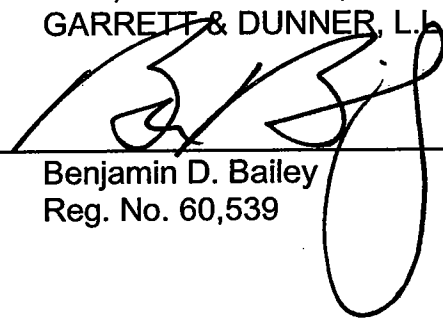
Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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